

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION filed on 06/27/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims 1, 4, 10 and 12 below will replace the previously presented claims 1, 4, 10 and 12 respectively, which were filed on 11/12/2004.

1. A method for handling a call made by subscriber A using a subscriber terminal, wherein the method comprises :

providing said subscriber terminal of the subscriber A with at least one AV source for providing audio and/or visual information to said subscriber terminal of the subscriber A, said subscriber terminal subsequently comprising said at least one AV source;

offering a plural number of alternative AV sources to subscriber A when subscriber B is unable to answer;

receiving information about the AV source chosen by subscriber A; and

connecting the terminal used by subscriber A, or an AV part of the terminal, to the AV source chosen by subscriber A for the time subscriber A waits for subscriber B to answer or to become available, after which the call is connected between subscribers A and B.

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4. A telephone system comprising at least a terminal used by subscriber A, a terminal used by subscriber B, a switching centre for setting up a call between subscribers A and B, and connecting means for connecting the subscriber A's terminal to an AV source when subscriber B is unable to answer, wherein the system comprises a plural number of alternative audiovisual sources, wherein said terminal used by subscriber A comprising at least one of the plural number of alternative audiovisual sources, and wherein the connecting means are arranged to connect the terminal of subscriber A to the AV source chosen by subscriber A when subscriber B is unable to answer.

10. A subscriber terminal of a telephone system, the subscriber terminal comprising a telecommunications part, an AV part and a user interface, wherein the subscriber terminal also comprises an audiovisual source and connecting means for connecting the AV part to the AV source in response to control signals relayed from other parts of the telephone system to indicate that subscriber B is unable to answer.

12. A subscriber terminal according to claim 10, wherein the AV source is a radio.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christine H. McCarthy on 07/07/2005.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-12 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reason for the indication of allowance:

As the applicant stated in page 2, lines 21-28 of the REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION filed on 06/27/2005.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

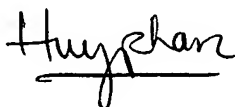
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy Q Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-7924. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kincaid G Lester can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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